

**AMENDMENT TO**  
**RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117-54**  
**OFFERED BY MR. RUIZ OF CALIFORNIA**

At the end of subtitle G of title V, insert the following:

**1   SEC. 5 \_\_\_\_ . OUTREACH TO SEPARATING MEMBERS REGARD-**  
**2                                   ING TOXIC EXPOSURE.**

**3           (a) ESTABLISHMENT.**—Not later than 180 days after  
**4** the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of  
**5** Defense shall create an outreach program to inform mem-  
**6** bers separating from the Armed Forces regarding toxic  
**7** exposure experienced by such members. Such program  
**8** shall include information regarding benefits and support  
**9** programs furnished by the Secretary (including eligibility  
**10** requirements and timelines) regarding toxic exposure.

**11           (b) REVIEW AND COMMENT BY VSOS.**—At the end  
**12** of the 180-day period under subsection (a), the Secretary  
**13** shall submit the draft program to veterans' service organi-  
**14** zations for a 60-day period of review and comment.

**15           (c) IMPLEMENTATION.**—The Secretary shall imple-  
**16** ment the program not later than 60 days after the end  
**17** of the 60-day period under subsection (b).

1 (d) PROMOTION.—The Secretary shall promote the  
2 program to members described in subsection (a) by direct  
3 mail, email, text messaging, and social media.

4 (e) PUBLICATION.—Not later than one year after the  
5 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall pub-  
6 lish on a website of the Department of Defense a list of  
7 resources furnished by the Secretary for—

8 (1) members and veterans who experienced  
9 toxic exposure in the course of serving as a member  
10 of the Armed Forces;

11 (2) dependents and caregivers of such members  
12 and veterans; and

13 (3) survivors of such members and veterans  
14 who receive death benefits under laws administered  
15 by the Secretary.

16 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

17 (1) The term “toxic exposure” has the meaning  
18 given such term in section 631 of the Jeff Miller and  
19 Richard Blumenthal Veterans Health Care and Ben-  
20 efits Improvement Act of 2016 (Public Law 114–  
21 315; 38 U.S.C. 1116 note).

22 (2) The term “veterans’ service organization”  
23 means an organization recognized by the Secretary  
24 of Veterans Affairs for the representation of vet-

- 1 erans under section 5902 of title 38, United States
- 2 Code.

